

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Currently in the case, after amendment, Applicant requests reconsideration and ultimate allowability of all aspects of the case, including all of the remaining claims 1-8.

The points raised by the Examiner in the written office action will be responded to in the order they were discussed by the Examiner in the Office Action.

This amendment after final is for the purpose of meeting the Examiner's objections.

The errors in paragraph 1 have been corrected. The new wording eliminates the objection in the first and second sub paragraphs of numbered paragraph 1 and these paragraphs should not have been included with the action.

In numbered paragraph 2 the Examiner states that Judkins shows "vertical elevation cords" having "lengths greater than that necessary for connection". Judkins does not teach pre-packaging of cords greater than necessary for connection to enable such connection. Judkins illustrates a few broken away views but does not teach the provision of additional length to enable attachment without cutting.

Numbered paragraph 3 points out an assembled blind set and states that "it would be obvious to attach cords to rotation members". Claims 5-8 are process claims which relate to the steps a user would take to assemble a pre-packaged structure recited in the claims. The claims 5-8 involve much more than attaching ends to rotation members. The Examiner does not address the wastage and non-interchangeable selectivity of the claim as a whole. It is these elements which contribute to the non-obviousness of the claim.

With regard to paragraph 4, the reasoning stated by the Examiner has been met and addressed by the current amendments to the claims.

The above matters of form and substance having been met by applicant, it is requested (1) that the amendment be entered, and (2) that the claims be held allowable.

An appeal was previously prepared and will be re-instituted in the event that the claims are now allowed. Applicant therefore requests entry of the amendment to facilitate re-submission of the appeal should the claims not be held allowable.

Applicant requests reconsideration and ultimate allowability of all aspects of the case, including all of claims 1-8.

The Examiner is invited to telephone Applicant's Attorney at the number below between the hours of 1:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. Eastern Standard Time, if such will advance this case.

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